The following claims are presented for examination:

1. (Previously Presented) A method for delivering a voice mail message to a recipient, comprising:

receiving said voice mail message from a sender;

obtaining a presence status of said sender from a presence server; and

delivering said voice mail message to said recipient with an indication of a presence of said sender, said indication including an identification of at least one device where said sender is present.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said presence server extracts presence information from a plurality of presence data stores.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein said presence server translates said presence information to a standard format.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said presence server determines said presence status of said sender based on one or more rules that aggregate extracted presence information.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said recipient responds to said sender in another domain.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said presence information indicates if the message sender can be reached at one or more indicated devices.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said presence information is obtained from a user registration process.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said presence information is obtained by observing activities of a user.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said recipient can respond to said sender in real time.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said recipient can respond to said sender in non-real time.

11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said recipient can respond to said sender using a non-textual form of communication.

12. (Previously Presented) A method for delivering a voice mail message to a recipient, comprising:

receiving said voice mail message from a sender;

obtaining a presence status of said sender; and

providing a mechanism for said recipient to automatically respond to said sender at a device where said sender is believed to be present.

13. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said providing step allows said recipient to respond to said sender in another domain.

14. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said recipient can respond to said sender in real time.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said recipient can respond to said sender in non-real time.

16. (Original) The method of claim 12, wherein said recipient can respond to said sender using a non-textual form of communication.

17. (Previously Presented) An apparatus for delivering a voice mail message to a recipient, comprising:

a memory; and

at least one processor, coupled to the memory, operative to:

receive said voice mail message from a sender;

obtain a presence status of said sender from a presence server; and

deliver said voice mail message to said recipient with an indication of a presence of said sender, said indication including an identification of at least one device where said sender is present.

18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said presence server extracts presence information from a plurality of presence data stores.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein said presence server translates said presence information to a standard format.

20. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said presence server determines said presence status of said sender based on one or more rules that aggregate extracted presence information.

21. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said recipient responds to said sender in another domain.

22. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said presence information indicates if the message sender can be reached at one or more indicated devices.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said recipient can respond to said sender using a non-textual form of communication.

24. (Original) The apparatus of claim 17, wherein said presence status indicates a presence status of said sender across a plurality of domains